

# ILLEGAL DUMPING

Is illegal dumping  
spoiling your  
environment?

Here's help . . .



## What is illegal dumping?

Disposing of waste at any location that isn't legally approved to accept waste is considered illegal dumping. Besides spoiling the natural beauty of our environment, illegal dumping hurts our community.

- Garbage dumped on the ground or in waterways can attract rodents, flies or mosquitoes that carry diseases.
- Improperly disposed hazardous wastes such as oil, gasoline, paints or fertilizers can contaminate ground and surface water.
- Illegally dumped materials can destroy wildlife habitat and endanger wildlife through ingestion or entanglement.
- Illegally dumped trash and debris can cause flooding by blocking streams, culverts and drainage basins, reducing natural flood storage and shifting channels.



## Clean it up — Help keep Snohomish County beautiful

We all enjoy the beautiful natural environment here in Snohomish County, and we want to keep it clean and safe.

Snohomish County's Illegal Dumping Grant Program can help. This program, managed by the Snohomish County Public Works Solid Waste Division with assistance from the Snohomish Health District, helps with disposal costs for community groups and property owners who clean up areas used for illegal dumping.

Though Snohomish County can't offer free disposal, groups and property owners can qualify for reduced rates through the grant program. To qualify, the area must be available for public access and you must have the owner's written permission.

Learn more about **REDUCED-COST DISPOSAL GRANTS**: call 425-388-3425.

## ■ How can I apply for a grant?

If you are a property owner, contact the Snohomish Health District at 425-339-5250. They will take a complaint, inspect the property and give you a grant application form.

Community groups wishing to clean public or private property used for illegal dumping must first receive permission from the property owner and notify the Snohomish Health District at 425-339-5250. With permission to enter the property, and the willingness to pay the reduced cleanup fee, your group can apply for a grant by contacting the County Public Works Solid Waste Division at 425-388-3425.

## ■ How much will it cost?

At transfer stations, the reduced rate is \$25 per ton plus tax; at rural drop boxes, it is \$5 per cubic yard. Funds for the Illegal Dumping Grant Program are appropriated annually by the County Council.

Many illegally dumped items are recyclable. Scrap metal, some large appliances, cans and bottles, auto batteries, and used motor oil can be recycled for free at Solid Waste facilities. Transfer station and drop box staff can help you identify recyclables to keep your costs down.

For information about the types of waste County facilities do and do not accept, visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), search "waste acceptance policy" or call 425-388-3425 for a printed copy.

## ■ How can I prevent illegal dumping?

Monitoring an area can deter potential offenders.

If you see **someone illegally dumping**, call 9-1-1 and report the date, time and location, a description of the vehicle and the license plate number, description of persons involved, and a general description of the material dumped.

If you see **an illegal dump site**, report it so steps can be taken to remove the material. This can help deter future dumping in the same area. Provide the location and a description of the materials. If the illegal dump site is:

- in or near a body of water, call 425-388-6481 to reach the County's Surface Water Management Division Water Quality Hotline.
- adjacent to a roadway, call 425-388-7500 to reach the County's Road Maintenance Division.
- on public or private property, call 425-339-5250 to reach the Snohomish Health District.



## ■ How else can I help?



Groups interested in doing County road cleanups through the Adopt-A-Road program can call 425-388-3137 or visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), search "Adopt-A-Road," for information on how to participate.



Interested in doing a neighborhood litter cleanup? The Solid Waste Division can supply bags and litter pick-up tools. For information, call 425-388-7613, press 1 and leave your name and phone number. For additional information, visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search "ECUP."



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